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# **MAN GOES TO PRISON FOR TRYING TO SELL COCAINE**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that JOSE ALBERTO MARTINEZ-LOPEZ, age 28, of Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced January 7, 2002, to a total 36 months in prison, by United States District Judge John M. Roll, in Tucson, Arizona. The defendant received 36 months imprisonment for Possession with Intent to Distribute cocaine, in violation of 21 USC §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(ii)(II).

The defendant entered a guilty plea on October 4, 2001. On May 24, 2001, Mr. MARTINEZ-LOPEZ was arrested after negotiating to sell one kilogram of cocaine. During the search of his vehicle, federal agents found a package containing approximately 994 grams of cocaine.

A conviction for Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine in violation of 21 USC § 841(a)(1) is punishable by up to 40 years of imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$2 million, or both. The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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